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November 21, 1997

**WARNING LETTER NO. 98-NOL-06**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Joseph P. Ruppel, President  
Violet Dock Port, Inc.  
P.O. Box 357  
Violet, Louisiana 70092

Dear Mr. Ruppel:

This letter is to inform you of deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1240), observed by a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of your vessel watering point located at Violet Dock Port, Inc., 6800 East St. Bernard Highway, Violet, Louisiana, on November 13, 1997.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection include the following:

- 1) blackflow prevention device not installed on each of the hydrant outlets supplying potable water to berths 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5;
- 2) cap and keeper chain are not installed on potable water hydrant outlets on berths 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5;
- 3) potable water hydrant not identified for its intended use.

Accordingly, we are classifying the watering point as PROVISIONAL for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days. "Provisional" classification means that the watering point may continue to operate; however, significant corrections of deficiencies must be made by the expiration date. On or about that date, a reinspection of this facility will be conducted to assure that corrections meet FDA requirements.

If significant corrections are not made by December 21, 1997, the vessel watering point will be reclassified as "Not Approved" for carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing, within ten (10) days, of actions you have taken to correct the deficiencies and to assure that such violations will not recur. Your response should be directed to Carolyn W. White, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122-3896.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles H. Gamet / for", written over the typed name.

James E. Gamet  
District Director  
New Orleans District

Enclosure: FDA-483

cc: Mr. Albert J. Dieudone, Vice President  
Violet Dock Port, Inc.  
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